

Table B-10. Amount owed for undergraduate and graduate loans among science and engineering master's degree recipients in 1997 and 1998, by major field of degree: April 1999

Major field of 1997-98 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Amount owed ¹			
		Did not owe	\$1-\$9,999	\$10,000-\$24,999	\$25,000 or more
All science and engineering fields.....	157,000	94,500	17,300	21,200	24,100
Total science.....	110,400	59,700	12,800	16,900	21,000
Computer and information sciences.....	20,000	16,200	1,500	1,600	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	16,600	9,500	2,300	1,800	3,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	2,300	1,600	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	11,600	6,500	1,500	1,400	2,300
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	2,600	1,400	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	7,200	4,700	S	1,000	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	9,100	5,400	1,300	1,300	1,100
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	3,700	2,400	S	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	3,000	1,600	600	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	2,300	1,400	S	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	30,000	12,300	3,000	6,000	8,700
Social and related sciences, total.....	27,500	11,700	3,700	5,200	7,000
Economics.....	4,300	2,700	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	9,400	3,800	S	1,700	3,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	4,300	1,000	S	1,300	1,100
Other social sciences.....	9,500	4,200	1,600	1,700	2,100
Total engineering.....	46,700	34,800	4,500	4,300	3,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,500	1,000	S	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	2,300	1,600	S	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	6,600	4,400	1,000	S	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	16,300	12,200	1,500	1,800	S
Industrial engineering.....	3,600	2,800	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	6,800	5,100	S	S	S
Other engineering.....	9,600	7,700	S	800	S

¹ The amount owed represents the amount of outstanding debt for undergraduate and graduate degrees as of the reference date of the survey.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates of 1997 and 1998 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999